

Juneau County Department of Human Services Board Minutes

January 4, 2022 8:30 am

The Juneau County Human Services Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tim Cottingham in the Juneau County Board Room at 8:30 am. It was noted the meeting had been posted in accordance with the law.

Present: Tim Cottingham, Carl Wildes, Joe Lally, Julie Quist, James Ryczek, Dawn Buchholz

Zoom: Peg Saylor

Call to Order

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by James Ryczek and seconded by Joe Lally to approve December 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Adult Protective Services and Crisis Presentation

Kevin Lunog, Clinic Manager, presents with his Adult Protective Services and Crisis staff. The Crisis team works in collaboration with Juneau County's Corporation Counsel, sheriff's department, local police departments, other law enforcement agencies, medical facilities, and law offices. Our staff provide crisis services during business hours while Innervisions Counseling provides crisis services after hours and on weekends. Their services vary from providing crisis contacts, emergency detentions, family supports, and clinic services.

The Adult Protective Services (APS) team works in collaboration with Juneau County's Corporation Counsel, sheriff's office, local police departments, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Economic Support, Veteran's Office, and Community Support Program. They also work with Social Security Administration, Mile Bluff Medical Center, other medical agencies, the Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, nursing homes, adult family homes, assisted living facilities and group homes. The APS staff complete adult guardianship studies and reports for Juneau County Circuit Court and they also conduct Annual Protective Placement Court Reviews, also known as Watts Review Hearings.

The two teams have merged to form the APS/Crisis Unit to better serve Juneau County residents.

Discussion and possible motion/approval to fill Vice Chair/Secretary position

Discussion on nominating James Ryczek, Joe Lally to continue with Voucher Meetings. Motion to nominate James Ryczek for Vice Chair/Secretary position made by Carl Wildes and seconded by Julie Quist. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible motion/approval to fill Human Services Position(s)

Need to fill Children, Youth, and Families' Family Support worker (resignation), CLTS worker (resignation), and an LTE APS (internal transfer). Motion to approve made by Peg Saylor and seconded by James Ryczek. Motion carried.

<u>Discussion and possible motion/approval to reorg Family Support position from Grade 4 to Grade 9</u>

The Family Support worker is really a boots-to-the-ground type of position for families and clients. Motion to approve made by Joe Lally and seconded by James Ryczek. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible motion/approval of DHS Time Donation Program

The purpose of this program is to assist Juneau County Department of Human Services (DHS) staff who are in need of time off but do not have paid time off available to them, to reach staff who do not fall under the County's program qualifications. Each situation will be brought before the DHS Management team and will be determined if the situation qualifies. No action taken at this time....issue tabled.

Director and Human Services Board member updates

Director evaluation process update – Dawn to bring blank evaluation forms to February's meeting, Board Members to complete on their own to discuss together at March's meeting.

Other Business

None

Items for future meeting(s)

Corporation Counsel Presentation

<u>Next Meeting Date</u> – Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 8:30 am in the Juneau County Board Room or via Zoom.

Adjourn

Motion made by Peg Saylor and seconded by James Ryczek to adjourn the Juneau County Human Services Board meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

James Ryczek, Secretary

Alison Brown, Recorder